29th April, 1999 about keeping a check on the vehicles emanating smoke;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Harassment of tribals

2014. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poor tribals are arrested and harassed in the name of violation of forest Laws;

(b) the details of arrest and cases by Forest Department against the tribals and non-tribals during the last five years in the States of U.P., Gujarat, Maharashtra and M.P.; and

(c) how many forest trees are cut in the above States without Government permission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Forest offence cases are booked against offenders for violation of provisions of Forest Acts and Rules, irrespective of the fact whether the offender is a tribal or non-tribal. No such distinction is maintained in the record books also. The total number of forest offence cases related to illicit felling of trees for the period (2002-03 to 2005-06) reported by the States of Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh are 15035, 34630, 155687 and 137956 respectively.

(c) Details of trees illegally felled as reported by these States for the

period (2002-03 to 2005-06) are as under:

State	Number of trees felled
Uttar Pradesh	64883
Gujarat	290771
Maharashtra	751613
Madhya Pradesh	922387

Closure of stone crushing factories

2015. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware about closure of various stone crushing factories in the Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that hundreds of workers in Lalitpur district of Uttar Pradesh are jobless due to closure of mine industries; and

(c) the reasons why these industries were forced to close in the name of environment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Environment and Forests had received 11 (eleven) proposals for grant of mining lease for sand stone under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 from the Bundelkhand region, in the year 1998. However, on processing the proposals it was observed that certain essential details had not been provided by the State Government. The State Government was, accordingly, requested to provide the complete information. Since the requisite information has not been provided by the State Government, the said proposals stand closed.

Inter-Governmental Panel on climate change

2016. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no representative from his Ministry was present when the United Nation's Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change report was being finalized by representatives from more than 100 countries; and